पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ङ) जुलाई 1991 से 30 जून, 1993 तक एच पी जी की 49 डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें और खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्रों की 19 डीलरशिपें। ये आवंटन सरकार की स्वनिर्गयगत शक्तियों के अधीन अनुकंम्पा के आधार पर किए गए हैं, राज्य-वार आधार पर नहीं ।

Supply of, gas to Southern States

3918. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Governr ment have decided to appoint a Study Group to find out the pissibility of meeting the demand for greater share of natural gas of Western and Southern States, if so, when and what is the time for submission of the report;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to closer distances from the Bombay High* the Western and Southern States would be provideed natural gas cheaply and quickly;

(c) how many million cubic meters of associated gas is being produced by the ONGC in Bombay High, how many million cubic meter per day free gas is being produced from South basin area and out of these how many million outbic meters of gas is being utilised today; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to stop this wastage and utilise the gas flaring daily?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) An Inter-Ministerial group had been constituted to examine the techno-economic feasibility of transporting natural gas from Western Offshore to the Southern region. The recommendations of the group are under examination.

(c) In 19*1-92, approx. 25.12, MMSCMD of associated gas was produced in the Western Offshore region, of which approx. 8.77 MMSCMiD was flared. In the same, period, approximately 14.31 MMSCMD of free gas was produced from the South Bassein fields, and all of it was utilised.

(d) To minttnise the flaring of gas in the Western Offshore region, ONGC ore implementing the Gas Flaring Reduction Project at an approx. cost of US $ 3.2 billion.

3919. *[Transferred to the 18th August,* 1992.]

Waiting list of L.P.G, in Gurgaon

3920. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a waiting of more than a month for refills with Gurgaon Gas Agency andn Raj Au*oways Gas Agency in Gurgaon, Haryana;

(b) the number of refills supplied to these agencies by the Indian Oil Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation during the last three months and what was the total number of waiting persons during the above period;

(c) the number of consumers, month-wise, on the waiting list during the above period and the excess stock; and

(d) the measures taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-(KARAUNAND). (a) to (d) While constant attempts are made to provide LPG refills promptly, delay do occur from time to time for various reasons like strike, transport problems, etc. During the period April to June, 1992 M/s Raj Autoways were provided 13,998 refills by HPCL and M/s Gurgaon Gas Agency were provided 18826 refills by IOC.

Whenever any complaints are received oil companies take immediate and prompt action to rectify the complaints.

Newsitem caption "Why Mortagage Oil" Oill"

3921. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the write-up in the Hindustan Times of 16th July, 1992 under the caption "Why Mortagage Oil"; and

(to) if so, what is Goeernrntnt's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The offer of discovered oil/gas fields for development through involve ment of private capital is intended to aceelerat the exploitation of established reserves.

Allotment of L.P.G. to physically handicapped persons

3922. DR. NARREDDY THULASI. REDDY; Witt the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to Mate;

(a) whether it is a fact that some quota is reserved for allotment of LPG agencies to the physically-handicapped persons;

(b) if so, the number of such people who have been allotted LPG agencies during the last two years;

(c) whether any record is maintained in respect of such persons to check any default on their part; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-*KARANAND):* Yes,Sir.

(b) One.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Dose not arise.

Estimated gas at Krishna Gadavari Basin

3923. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) wha was the origianal ONGC estimate of availability of gas at Krishna Qodavari basin;

(b) whether it is -, fact that there has beeh a revisiin in the original estimates; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 5.89 MMSCMD, by 1994-95.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) While the earlier estimates included production from anticipated reserves, ONGC have new estimated a production of 3.2 MMSCMD, by the year 1996-97, on the basis of established reserves only.

Procedure for allotment of L.P.G, dealership

3924. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleas ed to state;

(a) whether there i_s any proposal under Government's consideration to revise the procedure for awarding L.P.G. dealership;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any discretionary quota for awarding L.P.G. dealership; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?